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Stormy Weather! Utilities Tangled

A thunder storm with heavy winds and rain struck Northfield last week Wednesday evening just as folks were beginning to make preparations for a quiet evening. Most of the damage was done in a narrow belt less than a mile wide which swept from the northwest causing damage in general in South Vernon and the northern half of Northfield.

A falling tree in front of the Ross Spencer home tipped over two utility poles and blocked traffic during the evening. Another large tree in front of Henry Prescott's pulled down service wires. Electricity and telephone service in East Northfield and West Northfield was lacking during the night. In all, six large trees and many smaller ones were down in the area of East Northfield, the Ridge, Birnam Road and the campus of the Northfield School for Girls and the streets and lawns were littered with small branches, leaves and debris.

In West Northfield a limb from a tree in front of the home of F. A. Caron fell on his car seriously damaging it and a tree fell on the porch of the house owned by Jerry Barnes. Several other trees were blown down.

Folks in the whole area, including Northfield Farms, South Hinsdale, South Vernon, Winchester and Hinsdale, had interrupted telephone service.

It was an odd freak of nature as folks in some parts of the town were unaware that any serious storm was taking place. It came quickly and passed quickly, leaving this trail of wreckage in its wake.

Honored by University

Marie L. Clark of New Plain Rd., a Northeastern university sophomore majoring in English-journalism in the College of Liberal Arts, has been elected to the staff of the Husky Highlighters, student broadcasting organization.

The Husky Highlighters plan, write and present four noon-time broadcasts of university news each week.

A graduate of Northfield high school, Miss Clark is a member of the International Relations club and a dean's list student.

Attending Northeastern on the cooperative plan of education, she is employed in the library department of the Boston Globe.

Cub Scouts Meet

A combined meeting of the Cub Scout pack and den mothers was held last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. William Person. There will be no regular pack meeting this month. Cub Scouts will march in the Memorial day parade and will rehearse in back of the town hall Wednesday evening, May 29, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Bertha Webster Exhibits at WHAI

Oil paintings by Miss Bernice Webster of Northfield will be on exhibit at the gallery of WHAI in Greenfield through June 1st. The gallery is open from 9 to 5 o'clock each day and on weekends by appointment.

Miss Webster has exhibited in jury shows at the National Arts club and the Vendome gallery in New York City; at the Springfield Art league, the Upper Hudson annuals and at the Southern Vermont Art Center, and had many other exhibits mostly in Connecticut and New York.

Several of the paintings in this exhibit are of Mexican scenes, painted in Mexico, where she has spent the past two winters.

Miss Webster has a summer home in West Brattleboro.

Work Progressing On Regional School

The Pioneer Valley Regional high school committee met last Thursday evening and considered matters most important toward the goal of opening the school in September.

The pouring of the roof has been begun which seems will be a big step toward completion of the building. The entrance road off Route 10 has been surfaced and tarred and further work on the driveways is nearing completion.

Planning of the bus routes covering this large area is a problem requiring much attention. A map has been prepared showing the home location of each prospective regional school pupil and the buses will have to be routed to these areas for the greatest convenience of the majority. These routes are to be carefully measured before specifications for bids can be made up. There will be three in Northfield, two in Bernardston and one in Warwick.

A sub-committee is working on the bids made on the school classroom furnishings and this week shop equipment bids, covering more than 1000 items will be opened and considered at the meeting of the committee Thursday evening.

New Minister To Arrive For Bernardston Church

The members of the parish of the Goodale Memorial United church of Bernardston by a majority vote on Sunday voted to extend a call to Darwin H. Nutt of Marblehead to become pastor of the church and Mr. Nutt has accepted the call and will arrive in Bernardston with his family this week. He is a student at Boston university.

Anyone having furniture or articles to furnish the parsonage should call Calvin Clark today or this evening.

Cathedral of Pines Is Recognized by The U. S. Senate

Many in this area have been interested in the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, N. H., since its beginning and will be pleased to know that the U. S. Senate has just this month given final approval to a resolution giving congressional recognition to the "Altar of the Nation," located at the Cathedral of the Pines.

This Senate action followed similar action by the House of Representatives on March 19. The Senate sponsor was Sen. Bridges (R., N. H.) and the House sponsor Rep. Perkins Bass (R., N. H.).

This Altar of the Nation is made up of stones from all parts of the United States and is in the Cathedral of the Pines, an outdoor place of worship on a pine crested elevation covering about 300 acres. It is dedicated to non-sectarian worship.

In the late fall of 1955 letters and a petition were sent to Congressmen in favor of this bill which was filed on Jan. 25, 1956.

The resolution is this: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S., in Congress assembled 'that the altar of the Nation,' located in the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N. H., which has been dedicated to the Glory of God as a memorial to all American war dead, is hereby recognized as a national shrine. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to authorize any officer or agency of the federal government to exercise any jurisdiction or control over such shrine."

The cathedral has been the site of services of all major religious faiths in this country and has been visited by millions since its opening 11 years ago.

Officers Elected By Garden Club

At the meeting of the Garden club Monday evening officers were elected for the coming year, named by the nominating committee, Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Jr., Miss Mabel Willey; president, Mrs. Raymond Parenteau; vice president, Mrs. Robert Dumbreck; secretary, Mrs. George B. Granger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Leroy Edson; treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Addison; program chairman, Mrs. Walter Bailey; membership chairman, Mrs. L. Maude Wood; suashine chairman, Miss Mabel Shields; library chairman, Mrs. Florence Phelps; war memorial chairman, Mrs. Mark Aldrich.

Preceding the election of officers with Mrs. Raymond Parenteau presiding, various matters were discussed.

Letters were received from members of the Center school fifth grade thanking the club for the donation of \$25 which helped with the Audubon class work.

Notice was received that the district meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs, scheduled for May 28 at Stanley Park, has been cancelled and will be held on Sept. 10.

Permission has been received from the proper state authorities to plant flowers and otherwise beautify the two areas in the center of the town, the area around the Belcher Fountain and the plot directly north in front of the Lily-Don restaurant. Mrs. Norman Nims is chairman in charge of the Belcher Fountain area, and Walter Bailey and Mrs. Robert Dumbreck the northern one. The traffic island at the intersection of Moody St. with Main St., has been leveled and seeded by the state as a result of the club's efforts.

It was voted to again this year affiliate with the Massachusetts Federation of Garden clubs. The group also voted to hold its bi-annual flower show at the town hall in August.

Mrs. Mildred Nims showed beautiful colored slides of flowers of Mexico which she took during last winter's stay there.

Banquet Here Is Great Success

The Fish and Game association banquet held Saturday evening was the usual success with a full dining room and a delicious dinner served in charge of Mrs. Stanley Wickley, assisted by Gladys Bistrek, Louis Sojka, Kenneth Miller, John Hammond, Dick Field, Jennie Wozniak, Stanley Bistrek, Helen Podlenski, Kay Feld, Chick Caron, Stanley Powers, Stanley Wicki.

Agnes Caron and Hazel Powers were co-chairmen of the dining room, assisted by waitresses: Mildred Aldrich, Marguerite Stacey, Marguerite Sojka, Mary Ann Wozniak, Virginia Callaghan, Ann Parker, Rose Huber, Eileen Huber.

The flowers in the dining room were given and arranged by Mrs. Carolyn Parenteau.

Speakers introduced by Louis Sojka, club president, were Philip Whitmore of Sunderland, representative from this district to the legislature, Game Wardens McShane of Greenfield and Lovely of Orange, Mickael Zak of the Mohawk Fish hatchery in Sunderland and Francis Reed, president of the Franklin County League of Sportsmen's Clubs.

All enjoyed the fun of the awarding of the many door prizes to the holders of the lucky numbers.

The Roto Broiler was awarded to Ralph Leach, the Spin-kit to Robert Shumway of Greenfield.

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Flag Day Will Be Observed by DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution are planning an exhibit of flags and articles or papers pertaining to the United States flag at the Dickinson Memorial library for the week of Flag Day, June 14. Anyone having flags or anything of interest to add to this exhibit may call Mrs. L. Maude Wood, D.A.R. regent. This group also wishes to remind everyone to plan to display a flag outside his home on Memorial Day, which is next week Thursday.

Strawberry Supper Is Planned by St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's church societies are sponsoring a strawberry supper at the Northfield town hall Monday evening, June 17, at 6:30.

The menu will include potato salad, cold cuts and cheese, tossed salad, French bread and butter, pickles, strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and coffee and milk. The price is to be 99 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Mr. and Mrs. John Green are to be in charge of the ticket sales.

Miss Helen Podlenski and Stanley Wicki are co-chairmen. The strawberries are to be donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Butinski. That's June 17th.

WCTU Will Be Guests Of Local Baptists

The Northfield Baptist church will be hosts to the Northfield Women's Christian Temperance Union on Monday afternoon, May 27, at 2:30.

It will be an open meeting and guest speakers will be Captain and Mrs. James Eddes of the Salvation Army. They will give much information on the Christian movement against alcoholism and juvenile delinquency. All who are interested are invited to the meeting.

Center Sch. Music Program Well Attended by Parents

The weather turned fair and there was a large audience of parents, friends and small brothers and sisters to see the spring music program at the Center school Tuesday morning. The area at the rear of the school makes a beautiful setting for such an outdoor affair.

Duncan Person of the sixth grade was announcer and with the microphone his voice was clear to all.

The theme of the day was "Folk Music," which is music which has grown up among the people as an important part of their daily life. Three types of folk music were expressed (1) dance songs, demonstrated by each grade; (2) legendary folk songs, sung by the choral group, and (3) composed folk songs played by the band.

Flags told which country's folk dance was being done.

Grade 1, (Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Holt), German "Kinderpolka," Hansel and Gretel," flag bearer, Samuel Browning.

Grade 2 (Mrs. Haack), Czechoslovakian, "The Wheat," "Turn Around Me," flag bearer, Ida Belle Marcy.

Grade 3 (Mrs. North) Danish, flag bearer, Daniel Browning.

Grades 3 and 4 (Mrs. Sheldon) Swedish, flag bearer, Linda White.

Grade 4 (Mrs. Kozlowski) Mexican, flag bearer, Lawrence Randall.

Grade 6 (Mr. Cadwell) Irish, flag bearer, Roy Farrar.

Grade 5 (Mrs. Parker), our own American, flag bearer, Deborah Mayberry.

Songs by the choral group,

Cast Revealed by Minstrel Groups; Show Is Tonight

Tonight is the night that a good number of our prominent citizens make their debut into the entertainment field. Singers and dancers never seen or heard before in public will be on the stage tonight at the minstrel show being presented tonight and tomorrow night by the Kiwanis club.

The show opens at 8 o'clock at the Northfield town hall.

The program: End song, Peter Lodzinski; quartette, Stan Powers, Paul Mayberry, Dick Field and Bob Abbott; end song, Hamilton Cregar; Northfield Rockettes, David Quinn, Bill Wyman, Cliff Camp, Roy Fish, Corys Heselson; chorus; school band; duet, Charles Repeta, Dr. Ansel True; "The Lost Week End," John Green; trumpet solo, Dick Williams; vocal solo, Bill Forrest; end song, Frank Kelley; chorus. Intermission.

End song, George Leonard; comedy routine, Dick Williams; vocal solo, Jessica Walker; "A la Fred," Tom Hurley; chorus; trombone solo, Eugene Gancarz; end song, Chick Caron; tap dance, Ronnie Jordan; vocal solo, David Amsden; end song, Julian Barber; chorus, finale.

Refreshments of soft drinks and candy will be on sale.

Brattleboro Concert

The Brattleboro Music Center's fifth annual concert will be held on May 26 at 8 p.m.

The program will include Bach's cantata, "Gloria in Excelsis Gloria," Shubert's Fifth Symphony, and the Symphony of Fashins by Stravinsky. There will be an orchestra of 65 musicians, all professionals and 60 members of the Marlboro College chorus and the Brattleboro community chorus taking part.

The concert is to be held at the high school auditorium.

"Frere Jacques" and "Billy Boy," flag bearer, Sandra Fuller.

The band under the direction of Eugene Gancarz played "Tannenbaum" and "Auld Lang Syne."

The choral group sang "There Are Many Flags in Many Lands," with the flags displayed for a tableau. The program concluded with all singing "God Bless America" with the band. With the children in their bright clothes, the flags waving in the wind and the beautiful outdoor day it was a fine picture—a credit to the teachers and pupils.

The entire program was in charge of Mrs. Esther Galbraith, music supervisor, with the assistance of Mrs. Dorothy Herrick, principal, and all the teachers.

Benjamin Archambo and Douglas Walker were in charge of the properties and James Caron passed out programs.

Pupils in the band were: Brenda Billings, Peter Sargent, Nancy Schouler, Henry Prescott, Paul Abbey, Judith Parsons, Charles Tower, Jane Abbott, Thomas Carey, James Anderson, Elizabeth Davis, Richard Browning, Robert Neipp, Jonathan Fowler, Duncan Person, Raymond Waterman.

Members of the choral group were: Jerry Scott, Billy Judd, Jonathan Mayberry, Carol Lombard, Betty Aldrich, Dean Vinten, Winston Parker, Paula Smith, Judy Stafford, Howard Maynard, Mary Hawley, Scott Sanderson, Keith Hall, Patricia Butler, Linda Wood, Susan Leonard, Jo-Ann Butler, Sally Farrar, Robert Livingston, John Mroczek.

Editor's note: Pictures of this event will be in next week's issue.

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FEAR OF WASTE

The protracted controversy over the budget in Congress has had many interesting ramifications, some purely political, and some social and some of world import. Much of it goes over the head of the average person, and so much of the reaction is based not on the purposes of the budget and the results it might or might not achieve, but on how it affects the individual pocketbook.

Apparently, a lot of taxpayers are feeling an undue strain, and we can well agree with them. But aside from this, it seems to us that the arguments on both sides, and in both Congress and the White House, have not really sensed why so many people are so uneasy.

We may be wrong, but we feel that it is not so much the size of the budget, or the need or lack of need for such things as defense and foreign aid, that has stirred up this controversy. It is the feeling that much of the amount requested will be utterly and completely wasted.

What has happened to those aspects of the Hoover Commission report which pointed out millions and millions of dollars of savings in normal operation of the government? What has happened to the many articles and notes of warning by top-flight people that tremendous chunks of our money is being misspent and literally thrown away to no earthly good in foreign countries? What has happened to the White House which ignores these things and the Congress which gets stirred up about Dave Beck's misuse of other people's money but apparently does little about the government's misuse of our money?

If a billion dollars is needed to save a country from Communism, or thirty billion for defense, most of us are for it . . . provided the money is used for that purpose. But ordinary people can get real ornery at times when they feel they are put upon. While they will break their hearts helping a worthy cause they know is well handled, they may well clamp down entirely on another worthy cause that is mishandled . . . even if the end results benefit themselves.

So we do not think it is the size of the budget which is causing this trouble. We think it is the lack of justification for that size. Or, put another way, we think there is the feeling that exactly the same results can be obtained in foreign aid, defense, roads, schools, agriculture, etc., for far less money—if both parties and all branches of government got on the ball and cut out the waste.

The ordinary taxpayer, little or big, is in no mood to laugh off this sort of thing when he himself is paying a bill which leaves him with little or no money to spend on far more worthy causes.—Lakeville (Conn.) JOURNAL.

THREE THINGS

I know three things must always be,
To keep a nation strong and free:
One is a hearthstone, bright and dear,
With busy, happy loved ones near.
One is a ready heart and hand,
To love and serve and keep the land.
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.
So long as these are kept alive,
Nation and people will survive.
God keep them always, everywhere—
The hearth, the flag, the place of prayer.

—Author unknown

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MRS. F. H. MOSSE,
Director of Christian Education
MRS. IRVING J. LAWRENCE,
Choir Director

MRS. BELLE C. MARDEN, Organist
9:45 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Public Worship. The Sunday before Memorial Day. Sermon subject, "America the Beautiful." The christening of Peter David Hartwell and Stephen Allen Hartwell. Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting in the vestry. Judy Thompson will lead devotions. There will be a program of Reviews and Previews.

7:30 p.m. May meeting of the Church cabinet in the vestry. Much important business to transact. Children's Day will be observed on Sunday, June 2.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

REV. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister
MRS. FRANCIS REED,
Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Children may be left downstairs during the service.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Supt. Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller, assistants. Classes for all ages from 3 to the teens.

Preparations are being made for "Children's Sunday" which will be June 9. Parents wishing to have children baptized should contact Mr. Slater or Mrs. Miller.

The young people of the church will meet at 6:00 at the high school softball field for a game. Following the game or in case of bad weather, they will meet at the home of president David Billings on Winchester Road. There will be a discussion of "Life After Death." Curt Shine is in charge of worship; Kenneth Miller and Richard Walker are in charge of refreshments. Other meetings in the immediate future are: June 2, a hike to the reservoir, old orchard and garnet rock with picnic lunch and outdoor worship service; June 9, "Family Night," including parent versus child softball game; followed by a panel discussion at the church with parents and young people on the panel.

Miss Mary E. Pratt represented the Alliance at the annual meetings in Boston on May 23 and 24. Clarence Spaulding represented the Laymen's League at that group's annual meetings, and the church at the annual meeting of the American Unitarian association on Tuesday, May 28. Mr. Slater represented the church at the AUA annual meeting and at various other meetings during the "May Meetings," the annual meetings of Unitarian organizations.

At the recent Youth Fellowship meeting at the church the following officers were elected: president, David Billings of Northfield; vice president, Pat Chase of Palmer; secretary, Janice French of Greenfield; treasurer, Eunice Stafford of Northfield; member-at-large, Sam Alspach of Springfield; N.E.R.C. representative, Bill Somerfeld of Springfield; national council, Neil Maurer of Springfield. Greenfield had the largest group in attendance with 20 members and three advisors. Dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor
REV. ANTHONY RZASSA, Curate
10:30—Mass.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

PAUL BUBAR, Pastor
At the Northfield Baptist church a Missionary Conference is being held this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 at the church.

Tonight, 7:30, Himspiration with special music. Speaker, Rolf Helum, formerly a U. S. Air Force pilot, now a candidate to the American Mission for opening closed churches, and Rev. Lyle Anderson, the Mission president, will show colored slides.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Himspiration.

tion, Youth Time (9-90), special music talent, pioneer missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Farrah, from South America, now home on sick leave, will tell of challenging incidents in pioneer missionary work.

Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday school.
11 a.m., worship service, Dave Farrah, speaker.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m., evening Evangelistic Hour, informal inspirational and Christ centered. Missionary displays.

Tuesday, 7:30, Bible study at the church in charge of the pastor.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Loyal Workers.
7:30—Evening Service.

A mid-week prayer meeting is held Thursday evenings at 7:45.

This is World Evangelism month in this church and the speaker at the Sunday services will be a representative of radio station HCTB, "The Voice of the Andes," of Quito, Ecuador.

On Tuesday the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference will be held at the Florida Mt. Baptist church at Florida, Mass.

GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3 COMMUNITY

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
12:00 m.—Sunday School.
6:15—Young Peoples.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
The guest speaker for Sunday morning and evening will be William Duncan.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon the monthly Radio Rally and Sing and Bring club will meet at No. 3. Miss Shirley Andrus will be the speaker and will give special music on the trumpet, the Sing and Bring club orchestra will play and a tap recording will be made for next week Saturday's broadcast. Parents and friends are invited to attend and see this club in action.

Young people meet at 6:15 with Richard Browning as leader.

Monday evening, cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3 p.m., choir; 3:30, Sing and Bring club.
Saturday, 10:05, Sing and Bring club time, WHAI.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES Ringe, New Hampshire

May 25—11:00 a.m., Greater Derry Council of Churches, Derry, N. H. Philip H. Clay, president, arranging.

2:30 p.m., Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs Choral society. Mrs. Arthur L. Thayer, conductor.

May 26—11:00 a.m., the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

1:00 p.m., Bancroft Assembly, Order of Rainbow, Worcester, Mass., special service.

3:00 p.m., Montachusett Council of Churches. The Reverend Robert N. Foster, arranging. Mohawk male chorus, Greenfield, Mass., Charles F. Perry, directing.

May 30—3:00 p.m., annual Memorial service for all the American war dead.

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consecutive year. there will be a tribute from President Eisenhower, and for the third consecutive year, the tributes of the country's 48 governors.

Public Dance at Grange

There will be a public dance at the Vernon Grange hall tonight, May 24, at 8 o'clock with music by the Rhythm Rangers. The next dance will be on June 8 and dances will be held every other Saturday evening thereafter.

GONE TO A COOLER CLIME

Precocious Infant: "Papa, who wrote the Emancipation Proclamation?"

Father: "Abraham Lincoln."

P. I.: "Where is he now?"

Father: "In Heaven, I suppose."

P. I.: "What's he doing there?"

Father: "Having a rest. He was tired."

P. I.: "Well, why didn't he go to Florida?"

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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

The physical directors of the Boston YMCA held their meetings at the Northfield hotel. Saturday last the American-French association had a luncheon meeting under the direction of Dr. Ernest N. Kirmann.

Two babies born in the past week have been named "Dawn Marie": daughter of the Russell Hutchins and daughter of the Frank Rockwells. The latter baby and her mother have returned to their home at Northfield Farms.

The skit written by Mrs. Edgar Bruce of South Vernon is to be presented at the Baptist national convention in Philadelphia May 29. The skit was first given at a state convention in Brattleboro.

Richard Barnes has completed his year at Northeastern university and has returned to the home of his parents, the Gerald Barnes.

MM2 John Randall of South Pole fame has finished his furlough in the home of his parents, the Leon Randalls, and has reported for duty at Davisville, R. I.

The Window Holloways write the civic council that they have left San Diego and are now living in Palmdale, Cal., where they have bought a house near his work at Convair plant. They are about 30 miles from Edwards AFB.

A large group of friends gathered at the Congregational church Tuesday evening to honor Marian Allen and Richard Holbrook who will be married in June. The program was put on the air by radio station "LOVE." M. C. Ed Powell welcomed the couple, spoke of

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES May 30, 1957

Assembly 9:45 a.m., Northfield Town Hall
Participants: American Legion, V.F.W., Auxiliaries, D.A.R., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, School Children

Decorate Honor Roll at High School and Alexander Hall

Parade to Cemetery

Program at Cemetery

Memorial Prayer

Reading Gettysburg Address

Music

Address

Decorating Graves

Salute to the Dead

Taps by Gail Leonard

William Marcy

Music

Benediction

Parade to Town Hall

Decorate Honor Roll

"Star Spangled Banner"

Disband

This year for the first time the Northfield School Band will participate in our Memorial Day parade, and many should come out and hear these young musicians. In case of rain the program will be held in the Town Hall.

Miss Allen's many church activities and then read a poem written for the occasion by Carrie Jeanette Carr, who planned the evening's entertainment. The Silvery Songsters, Jessica Walker and Susan Hammond, sang "True Love." Next the Lyrical Larks (the church choir) sang several love songs substituting the names Marian and Dick, Mr. Cadwell, dressed as an Indian fortune teller, gazed in a crystal ball, a globe covered with tinfoil, and read the couple's future. Then the whole crowd sang a medley of old love songs. The pastor, Mr. Reeves,

made a brief speech and the choir sang "Bless This Home." The couple followed a golden thread until they came to their treasures; a huge May basket filled with shower gifts. Refreshments were served while they opened and displayed their gifts, some from individuals, some from church organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrows and their three children have moved to White River Junction, Vermont, having sold their Dummerston home. Mr. Barrows is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company and has been transferred from Brattleboro to White River. Both of the Barrows come from Northfield.

Mrs. Roger Greenwood and Mrs. Sidney Given, Sr., attended the Friday afternoon and Saturday meetings of the New England Library association in Brattleboro. Both work in the Talcott library of The Northfield School for Girls.

Paintings done by Miss Bernice Webster are on exhibit at WHAI.

Nancy Oakman has been chosen by the American Legion auxiliary to go to Girls' state in Bridgewater in June.

Mrs. Henry J. Nickel of Howard St. spent the winter in Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and returned to her home here May 6.

Mrs. Pearl Allen, Albert, Marian and Richard Holbrook motored to New Jersey and back on Sunday. They attended in Norristown the ordination of Mrs. Allen's son-in-law, Rev. Arthur G. Barton. His church is in Fort Lee, N. J.

Mrs. Bertha Kant, mother of Mrs. Edwin Finch, who has just returned from Germany, came to East Northfield for the christening last Sunday of her granddaughter, Melinda. Her home is in Shrewsbury.

On Mother's day the Donald McCollister had as their guests their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCollister of Shirley.

On May 16 the seniors of The Northfield School for Girls topped off their Class day holiday with a banquet at The Northfield hotel.

The American Legion auxiliary will start its Poppy drive May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Hutchins visited their son Russell's family in Pittsfield and over the weekend welcomed a new granddaughter, Dawn Marie.

Mrs. Joseph Morgan was elected president of the Evening Alliance.

After the annual supper of the Ladies' Literary society at Mt. Hermon on Wednesday evening, the Triple Quartette sang and Robert Bliss spoke on "Modern Art."

A wedding shower was given for Miss Rachel Parsons last Tuesday in Community Club No. 4 by her friends and relatives.

The Past Matrons' association of the O.E.S. will have a food sale on Saturday afternoon on the lawn in front of the Goodspeed home. Another chance to buy some good food for the weekend.

On Saturday some time after noon there will be an audible Civil Defense alert. This is for the staff personnel only. A practice alert is being planned for that time.

The Franklin County Northfield Club will have its annual picnic on Saturday of this week. All will bring sandwiches and dessert and coffee will be furnished. Miss Joan Morrow will be the speaker.

The final baseball practice before the Memorial Day game with the West Northfield Blue Jays will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 by Northfield Athletic association players. The game will be at 2:30 on May 30 at the high school field. Their next scheduled game will be at Sunderland on June 2.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the program and dance planned by the Grange for Saturday evening of this week by the Rhythm Rangers has been cancelled. Plans for another date will be made at the meeting of the Grange Tuesday evening.

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Mrs. Mary G. Parker, 68, Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Mary Green Parker, aged 68, died on Thursday, May 16, at the Franklin County public hospital where she had been for about three weeks.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1888 here in Northfield, the daughter of Charles Henry and Lucy (Glazier) Green. She attended Northfield seminary and in 1912 was married to Thomas H. Parker who survives her. She leaves, besides her husband, a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Back of West Hartford; a son, Thomas Glazier Parker of Coral Gables, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Northfield, and one grandson.

She was a life-long member of the First Parish church, Unitarian, and was a member of the church trustees and the Women's Alliance. She had also served as a

Mrs. Bertha Munsees, 83, Died Last Week

Mrs. Bertha Meyer Munsees died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emory Rikert on May 15. She was born in Germany on June 1, 1873, the daughter of Elide and Friedaricka (Hoffman) Meyer.

She had made her home here with her daughter for the past seven years. She was a member of the Clinton Corners (N. Y.) Grange.

She is survived by two sons, John of Utica, N. Y., and Hermann of Staffordville, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Rikert and Mrs. Marie Kulp of Schelstville, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. Marie Meyer of Brooklyn, N. Y.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A third son, George, was killed while serving in the Allied Forces in World War I during the Normandy invasion.

Visiting hours were held Friday evening at Kidder's funeral home. The funeral service was held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Schelstville Congregational church and burial was in the Wurthenberg Lutheran cemetery.

trustee of the Dickinson Memorial library.

Service and burial were private and it was requested that in place of flowers contributions be sent to the Cancer fund.

A memorial service was held at the Unitarian church Sunday at 2 o'clock with Rev. Robert S. Slater officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Morrow of Oaknoll, Mt. Hermon, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Joan, to David John Reynolds on Wednesday, the twelfth of June, in Memorial chapel at Mt. Hermon. The reception will follow in Beveridge hall on the campus.

Farm Bureau Secretary Terms Budget 'Phony'

By Carleton I. Pickett, Secretary
Massachusetts Farm Bureau

"The balanced budget being brought to the legislature by the house ways and means committee is as phony as a piece of fiscal magic as is possible."

That statement made last week at Montague Center to the Franklin County Farm Bureau will be as true after we see the budget as it is now. From the experience of the past few years, we know that the true cost of government is being hidden. I told the farm group, "Any balanced budget today is just a masterful piece of accounting deferment of the bills we must meet tomorrow or the day after. While the ways and means committee is to be complimented on trying to keep down expenditures and while they cut in some places where they should, they can lay no claim to fiscal balance."

Those are pretty brash statements from one who is admittedly no expert but let's take a look at the picture.

In the preparation of the budget last fall, it was well-known that there would be somewhere around the 16 millions of added income tax returns and it was all used in the budget.

Granting that the legislature is going to go along with the pet projects cut from consideration and no facing up to new needs for service, they have spent it all in this budget with nothing left for the deficiency budget, the capital outlay budget and the supplemental budget.

During the Herter administration there was an increase in the cost of state government in Massachusetts of about 20 millions a year. It wasn't his fault—it is the high cost of the things people want. But it was not met with new taxation; it was met with payment by deferment.

Somewhere close to 24 millions of what should be distributed to cities and towns has not been paid to date, according to our information. Many items usually carried in the budget of current expense are lifted out and delayed for the capital outlay budget and then paid for with borrowed money. The first payment is deferred to five and six years away.

There is little doubt that legislators are going to be delighted to come home without having to take a stand on the sales tax. They may even convince people that it wasn't necessary—the budget is all balanced.

But can they explain why they keep on making mandatory more and more of the expenses of town government without doing a thing to help the cities and towns?

The towns are in worse shape than the state. The property tax grows and grows to confiscatory proportions. The surplus in town after town is eaten away. The bonded indebtedness increases year by year. And no new source has been found.

We agree with Gov. Furcolo in two things—a budget that provides services and a sales tax that relieves the fiscal position of the commonwealth.

Before the legislators go home late in August they will have voted more pensions, more pay raises, more pork barrel projects for each one in his own district than the way and means committee has currently taken out of the budget and it is highly dubious if they meet their obligations by current taxation.

There will be a few millions for fire relief; a few more for refor-

estation; some for stream clearances, new parks and beaches, new housing for the aged and new and higher appropriations for things we do not even dream of in the beautiful days of spring. It has always been that way and it probably always will.

Economy in government, after all, is the wise spending and careful usage of sufficient tax money to provide proper services. It is not good economy to fail to protect our investments nor to neglect any major role of government.

The Farm Bureau is probably as economy-minded as any organized group which maintains lobbyists on Beacon Hill but it finds no joy at all in the recent report that the ways and means committee has balanced the budget.

We suspect that there is about as much balance in its as there is in Lucy Arnaz's checkbook.

Is this a time to be cloudy and sad,
When our mother Nature laughs around;

When even the deep blue heavens
look glad,
And gladness breathes from the
blossoming ground?—Bryant.

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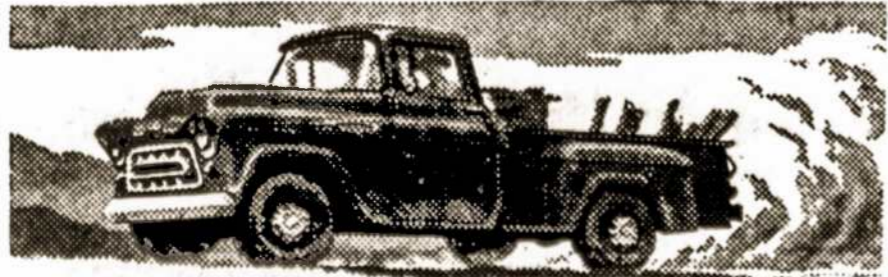
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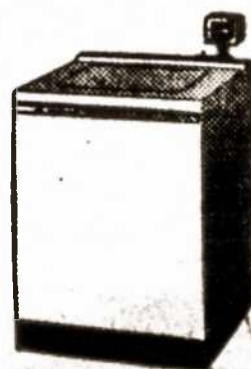
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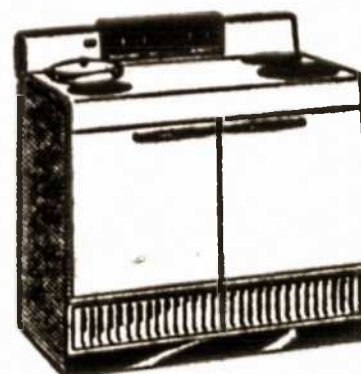
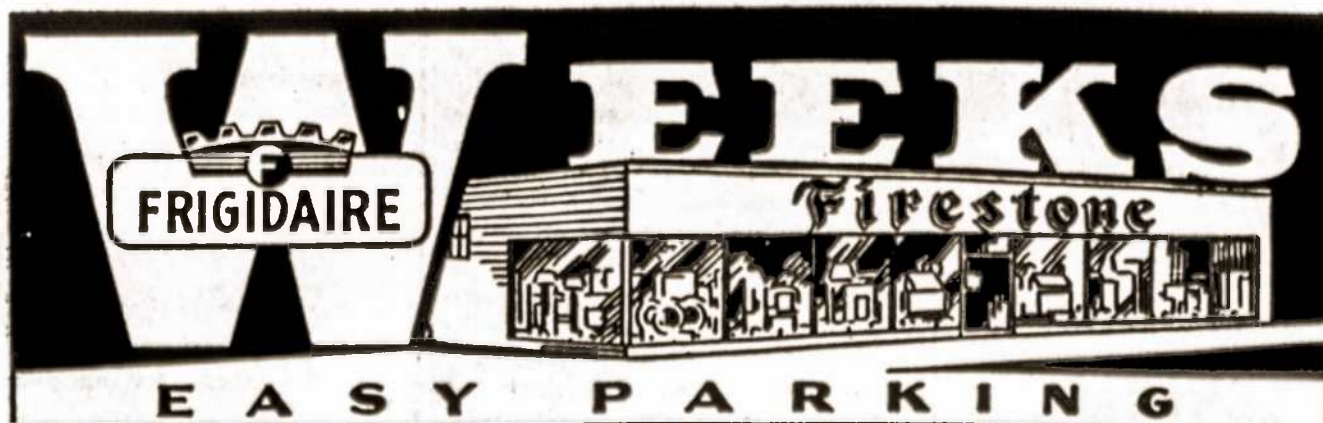
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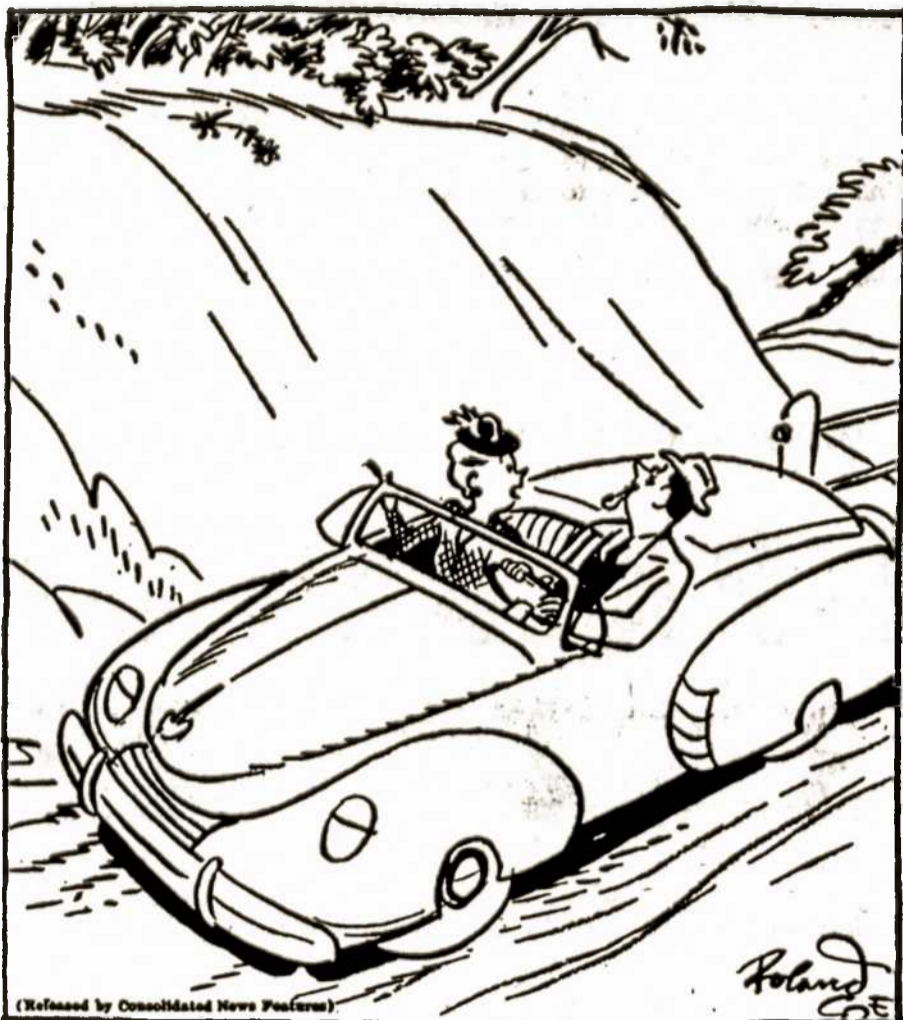
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CROSTOWN

By Roland Coe



"Before we were married you climbed steeper banks than that after wild flowers for me."

Charlotte Black.

Henry Dean, Lee Hammond, Marguerite Sojka, Russell Reed, C. D. Streeter, Richard Maynard, Agnes Caron, Mrs. Ernest Parker, Ida Hammond, Kenneth Miller, Jr.

The association wishes to thank all of the business men, organizations and friends who contributed and made possible all these door prizes which added to the fun of this annual affair. They were from this whole area, including Greenfield, Millers Falls, Turners Falls, Bernardston, Winchester, Keene and Northfield and many were received from far away places in the mail.

"Poppy Day"

Monday, May 27, will be "Poppy Day" here in Northfield. Plans have been made by the American Legion auxiliary to have all homes canvassed on that day, so be expecting a saleslady at your door.

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Historical Sketch Of 'Old Northfield'

Continued from a previous issue

Go back through the history of Massachusetts and recall the number of real leaders in civic thought who have been trained in the old New England town meeting—how many of our governors, chief justices, of our great leaders here and in Washington, drew their first inspiration from the debates in their own little hill towns of Western Massachusetts. And if you were to go into the details of that, you would be surprised at the proportion of the leaders of Massachusetts (a number far greater than the numerical strength of the towns would make one expect) who have come from her small towns and villages.

The greatest of the lessons which has been taught by the New England town meeting, is the giving to every citizen the opportunity to express his thought and have his opinions aired in the open; and it is that fact which I wish to emphasize especially, because I feel today our ancient American tradition of individual freedom is being threatened in many directions. I take it that all inheritors of Anglo-Saxon civilization will agree with me that individual freedom is the crowning note of our prosperity; that freedom of religious thought, freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech within the reasonable limits of criminal law are of all our blessings the most essential and mighty in our plan of government. Now today there seems to be a tendency among the American people to discount the value and importance of them. Today, when a group of men make up their minds that a certain thing should be done, or a certain idea in government, in economic or social life is correct, they seek to enforce their laws on their fellow men either by coercive legislation or by whatsoever means they can in their schemes of economic or social change. They think men have not the right to differ among themselves, have not the right to express their views.

During and since the war we have seen a great many attempts to make our citizens into one particular mould. The progress of mankind is based upon intellectual freedom. If a community is hemmed in by restrictive laws which prevent men and women from expressing, in spoken or written words, their opinions and ideas, there can be but little increase in information and knowledge, but little advance in civilization. This truth has been recognized by our ancestors since the days when the great charter was granted by King John. In fact we, the English-speaking peoples of the world, have always prided ourselves that under our institutions of government, freedom of

thought, of opinion, of religious belief, and of the press are safeguarded to a greater extent than in any other nation.

We have seen a great many attempts to try to force American citizenship into one particular mould of loyalty. Now I yield to no man in my appreciation of the doctrine that there must be one and only one allegiance, and one kind of Americanism; but we must never forget that devotion to country comes from the heart, not from the head; that sentiments of patriotism are not founded upon belief, or upon any kind of logical reasons. We must lead people, rather than drive them, to make true American citizens.

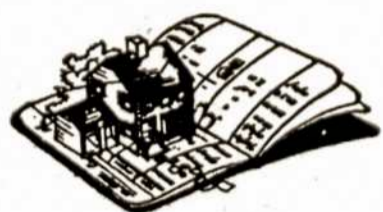
There are questions that must be discussed and considered by the people more and more during the next few years. I have no criticism, no quarrel with anybody that disagrees with me. That is his or her complete and absolute right. Let us bring this difficult question out into the open, so that we can all hear every man's point of view upon it. Let us recognize that the great problem of America today is to merge into a common citizenship all the diverse elements which have come to this country within the last three hundred years. Our people come from all parts of the world; they have many different forms of religious faith; and we must recognize that they cannot be forced to see everything as we see it, to look exactly like ourselves, to consider every public question from exactly our point of view. That the problem is difficult makes it all the more important.

Now of this spirit of intolerance among the American people the most dramatic instance is the widespread influence in some parts of America of a secret organization, known as the Ku Klux Klan. I consider it of no importance in Massachusetts. In the

free air of this commonwealth it will never assume any considerable proportions. But in Little Rock, Arkansas, a man dare not run for public office unless he is indorsed by this secret organization. In Kansas and Oregon it is a menacing movement, also in Texas. In many states, not merely in the far South, where the Ku Klux Klan was first started, but in the West and parts of the East this organization is assuming widespread proportions.

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Washington Editor Praises Northfield Press, Poetry

Mrs. Gertrude Churchill Whitney, author of the poem, "April Urge," in The Northfield Press of May 3, received a gracious letter from the editor of the "Blue Moon," Mrs. Inez Sheldon Tyler. Mrs. Whitney is a frequent contributor to this excellent poetry magazine, published in Washington, D. C. We quote in part from Mrs. Tyler's letter:

"Dear Gertrude C. Whitney:

Have just spent a delightful hour, this quiet Mother's Day, reading not only your poem, 'April Urge,' but also the rest of The Northfield Press of Friday, May 3. It was such a pleasure to read of the homey things. One could get a picture of your cultured community—so very different from our city papers filled with stories of crime, juvenile delinquency, etc., etc.—all the stress of the schools to awaken the interest of the youth; the churches, the art exhibits—oh, that did my soul good.

"Odd that your poem should have the same title, namely: 'April Urge—Spring Urge.' (The latter was the front cover poem by Rockwell B. Schaefer in the last issue of the 'Blue Moon.') I am sending Mr. Schaefer the account of the quilt painting by Dorothy Miller, the collection of letters from Mrs. Powell's collection and will tell him of your poem. The Audubon walks were interesting, too. He is an artist as well as a poet." (End quote from Mrs. Tyler's letter.)

Mrs. Tyler is a distinguished poet in her own right. Her shortly forthcoming volume of 150 poems, celebrating her 80th birthday on April 30, 1957, is entitled "Ancestral Portraits and Other Poems."

She writes "Out of the 350 limited edition, 334 have been sold." Congratulations, Mrs. Tyler!—The Editor.

Re-Elected President

Mrs. Orrin H. Lincoln of 163 Davis Street was reelected president of the Connecticut Valley Covered Bridge Society at the annual meeting Sunday in Greenfield at the YMCA.

Other officers are: Leo Dunnell of Northfield, first vice president; Howard Bogue of North Wilbraham, second vice president; Miss Alecia Osgood of Greenfield, secretary; Mrs. Max Dwyer of Shelburne, treasurer.

Mrs. Stanley Banks of Brattleboro and Mrs. Herbert Foster of Windsor, Vt., were named co-chairmen of program. Mrs. Lincoln reported nine new members from Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey and New York in the past three weeks.

Miss Sophia P. Woodman of Greenfield showed slides of her trip to Quebec, The Gaspé and New Brunswick. Refreshments were served to 40 by Miss Millie Osgood. Miss Janet Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Milkey of Greenfield and Miss Amy Hamilton of Northfield were guests.

Card Party Winners

The winners at Tuesday evening's card party at the Unitarian church vestry sponsored by the Laymen's League - Men's Club were: whist, high score, Mrs. Ida Morse; low score, Ray Knapp; pitch, high score, Will Slate; low score, Joseph Bilmon; hearts, high score, Robert Brasseur; low score, Joseph Smolen; door award, Kenneth Miller.

There will be one more card party in this season's series on June 18.

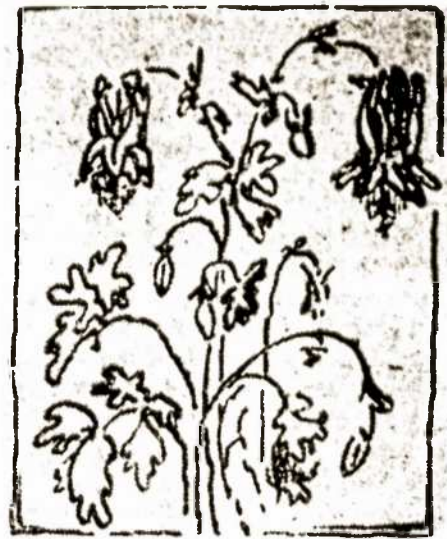
Through a Kitchen Window

Ranking near the top of the list of America's favorite wild flowers is the columbine, one of spring's loveliest. This scarlet and yellow beauty of wild grace seeks stony banks and rocky cliffs to dangle its red trumpets on nodding stems.

Poets have long appreciated its loveliness for we can find many references. Clara Smith neatly expresses her ideas in her poem, "And the columbines bravely as sentinels stand

On the lookout with red trumpets in hand."

It is probable that the scientific name *aquilegia* comes from *aquilus*, water-drawer, not *aquila*, eagle. Some say the name colum-



bine comes from a word meaning dove-like because of the resemblance of the flower to a circle of doves drinking. "Honeysuckle" is the old-fashioned name.

A most graceful plant, columbine nestles in chinks of rocks and weather-beaten cliffs. Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, long celebrated as the "Dean of American Horticulturists," knew well the unconventional habitat of this showy perennial when he wrote:

"Columbine
What doest thou here
Upon this chine
Of rock-cliff sheer?"

Above my head
Thou standest there
Without a shred
Of soil to bear
Thy herbage up
Or a cup
To hold a bit
To water it."

Columbine's delicate foliage, much like that of meadow rue and the anemones, has an airy appearance. Both flowers and leaves flutter in every breeze. Arlo Bates describes it:

"Gay in her red gown, trim and fine,
Dances the merry columbine."

Perhaps the red trumpets are blown for especially invited guests with very long tongues who will also help with pollination. "Thou call'st the bees and humming-birds," says Bailey, to partake of the nectar hidden far back in the little cornucopias reserved for them.

It is fascinating to watch the big bumblebee with a long tongue and the delicate little hummingbird, that animated jewel, visit the

lovely flowers and probe for nectar. The large bumblebee performs the feat of an acrobat as he hangs on with strong legs to sip deep of the columbine's sweet. And ruby-throat hovers on fast-moving wing before the flower, enjoying the sweet treat.

So easy to memorize and so apt her description—Mary F. Butts sums up her thoughts this way:

"I met a little lady,
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There was one especially handsome young rooster who awakened them each morning with his lusty crowing. This was Robinson, named for the famous chaplain of the Pilgrim flock. "Whatever befalls," cautioned Deacon Smith, "don't let anything happen to that magnificent bird!"

But there came a time when the new minister, unexpectedly, was to be the dinner-guest of this pious family. The larder was low—well, the Lord would provide.

The guest arrived after church; all were seated at table; the personable young minister had asked the blessing and Deacon Smith had arisen and standing over the shining, golden-brown "piece de resistance," carving tools poised in his hands. As he delicately pricked the amply stuffed breast of the magnificent bird, he casually inquired of his spouse: "This couldn't by any chance be Robinson?" To which Mrs. Smith tearfully assented.

"Well," said the Deacon, resignedly, "if Robinson had to be sacrificed, I'd rather have him go into the ministry than any other profession." Then he went manfully to his task. "Which part would you prefer, Mr. Newcomb?" he asked.

"Oh,—er—er, I'll take a wing, thank you," said the embarrassed clergyman, sizing up the domestic situation.

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High School News Notes

Martha Parsons, Reporting

Thursday, May 23, 1957

This morning I have the pleasure of announcing the names of the junior boy and junior girl who will represent our school at Boys' State and Girls' State next month. The Haven H. Spencer post of the American Legion has selected David Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings of Winchester Road, East Northfield, as its delegate to Boys' State at the University of Massachusetts in June. David has been an outstanding Scouter during the past several years. He has attained the rank of Life Scout as a member of Troop 9 in Northfield. While a resident of Sarasota, Fla., a few years ago, he was chosen by his Scout troop as a delegate to the Boy Scout National Jamboree in California which he attended.

David is president of the Unitarian youth group of the Northfield Unitarian church and is a former treasurer of that organization. He has recently been elected president of the Connecticut Valley Federation of Youth Groups.

In school, David has been treasurer of his sophomore class and is vice president of the junior class. He is a member of the student

council and was a delegate to the state meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils at Milton two weeks ago. He plays the drum in the school band and has been a member of the glee club for two years. He played on the soccer team the past year.

Our congratulations go to David on his being selected as Boys' Stater from Northfield.

The American Legion auxiliary has selected Miss Nancy Oakman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oakman of Erving as delegate to Girls' State in Bridgewater in June. Nancy attended the elementary and junior high grades in Erving and is completing her third year as a student at Northfield high school.

She is a member of the Congregational Christian group in the Orange Congregational church and is the acting secretary of that group. She was a member of 4-H for five years, carrying on projects in gardening, homemaking, poultry, and dairying.

While in Northfield, she has been a member of the glee club and has sung in two operettas. She has the lead in last year's production, "Jerry of Jericho Road." She is a member of the art class.

Nancy is taking a college preparatory course and plans to become a secretary or a beautician.

We also congratulate Nancy on her being chosen as Girl Stater.

Last Thursday, it was my pleasure to accompany Rita Gibson and Miss Lawley, our advisor, to the new South Hadley high school to attend a meeting of the Massachusetts chapter of the Pro Merito Honor Society. As members of this organization, we represented our school in a discussion and report on the activities and privileges of Pro Merito students in the high schools belonging to the society. We sincerely enjoyed the entire day, including the visit to the new building, the exchange of ideas with students from other schools, the banquet, and the presentation of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" by students from South Hadley high school.

Saturday morning our band and glee club will travel to West Springfield by buses to attend the Western Massachusetts music festival. Those who attended last year recall what a fine time was had by all and are looking forward to Saturday for an even more enjoyable day. Both the glee club and band will be auditioned by trained professional musicians and they will be rated and criticized on their good and weak

Girl Scout Notes

Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Jr., were leaders of the Girl Scout meeting on Monday. Mrs. Walbridge was absent. Quarter awards will be held on Sunday at 2:15 at the Little House. On Saturday afternoon at 2:45 twenty-four girls will go to the Little House to "fly up." This is the last meeting of the year.—Carol Lombard, Scribe.

points. We received a fine rating last year and are in hopes of an even higher rating this year.

The festival is open to the public and we sincerely hope that many of you parents will plan to ride down to the new West Springfield high school for an enjoyable day of music.

During the past week our boys lost two baseball games: one to Thayer by a score of 6 to 1 and on Tuesday to Hinsdale by a score of 8 to 7 in ten innings. The girls lost their ball game at Charlemont on Tuesday by a score of 9 to 8.

The schedule for the coming week includes baseball games at Williamsburg tomorrow and at Powers next Wednesday, and softball games with Hinsdale this afternoon and here at Northfield next Monday with Charlemont.

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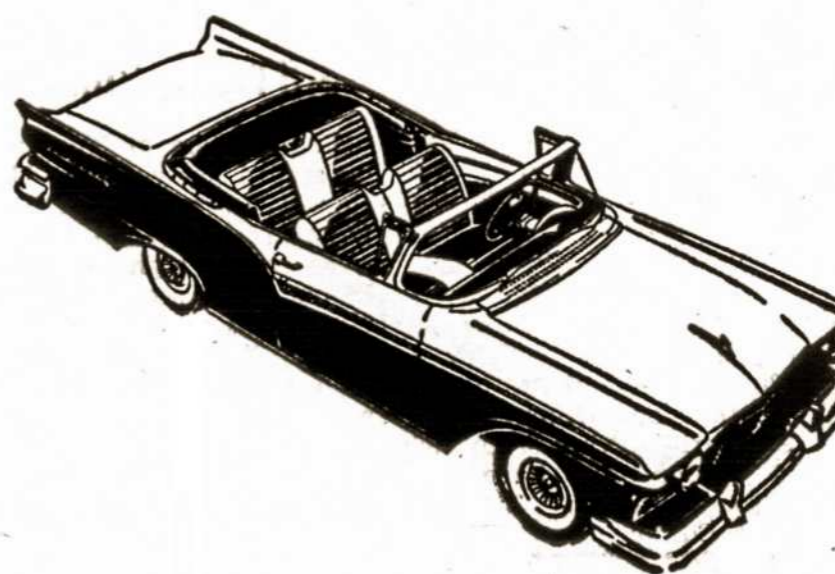
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